

# 2022 SPIRIT OF SPEARFISH CHRIS DAVIS



Upon moving to Spearfish, this individual immediately immersed herself into the community. Her first step was to get involved with the Chamber and her church to make connections within the community and with various non-profit organizations.

This individual volunteers her time to various organizations throughout our community, including the Methodist Church. She has served on the Church Council including as President, the staff parish relations committee, the finance committee, and has traveled with the church on mission trips to help underprivileged countries by introducing them to Solar Ovens to use.

This individual has dedicated hundreds of hours to the Good Shepherd Clinic Board of Directors and as a volunteer. As quoted by a fellow board member, "She is an integral part of the entire operation including marketing and PR for the clinic. She is known as the "go-to person." The time she has dedicated has not only allowed the Clinic to continue to provide health and dental care to thousands of area residents, but she has also created awareness of the clinic to potential patients and volunteers.

While her role at the Northern Hills Training Center was as a staff member, she also volunteered many hours for the betterment of the organization and created lifelong relationships with the clients to the point, that one of the clients also nominated her for Spirit of Spearfish.

Now let's talk about her dedication to the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce. She has served as an Ambassador for over 15 years. She was named Friend of the Chamber, served on the Chamber board for five years including as President, and was named Ambassador of the year - TWICE. She is a graduate of Leadership Spearfish and now volunteers her time to assist with the class (well she started today, but we think she'll be back). As she does with any organization for which she gives her time, she will step up and do whatever it takes - including the dreaded and miserable fall garden clean up.

Additional ways this individual has impacted Spearfish is through service on the Matthew Opera House Board of Directors, the Mickelson Trail Marathon Board, the homeowners association for her neighborhood, and the Grace Balloch Library. When we reached out to the library, they had this to say: “Her insights into the community have been very valuable as she assists with planning for the library. She is a wonderful advocate and has recently become a library volunteer, working on projects to assist the staff as needed.” Sound familiar?

When does she have time for fun you may ask? Well, this individual has run over 50 marathons in the U.S. and many other countries. Combining this passion with her volunteer work, she has created and assisted with various marathons in Spearfish to raise funds for multiple non-profits in the area.

For the past 20 years as a resident, Chris Davis has been an instrumental part of Spearfish and an exemplary volunteer. We can truly say she lives and breathes Spearfish.

Congratulations, Chris, on being named the 2022 Spirit of Spearfish.